

NJDEP Compliance & Enforcement* Trend Data for Fiscal Years 2005 – 2015

*This data includes only those programs that historically and consistently reported to the Assistant Commissioner for Compliance and Enforcement: Air, Hazardous Waste, Land Use, Pesticides, Solid Waste, Underground Storage Tanks (UST), Water Quality and Water Supply. This Data does not include the County Environmental Health Agencies' activities that are managed through contracts with NJDEP.

	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15
Inspections	11,715	12,790	13,352	12,486	11,754	11,659	11,495	11,158	10,342	8,509	8,851
Facilities Inspected	9716	10088	11021	9437	8949	8935	9819	9525	8916	8054	8817
Enforcement Actions	5805	6442	6414	8605	7684	7418	7240	7136	6387	5955	5,823
Inspectors	209	198	200	194	185	183	166	152	155	176	170
Inspections/Inspector	56	65	67	64	64	64	69	73	67	48	52
Facilities/Inspector	46	51	55	49	48	49	59	63	58	46	52
Investigations	5814	8790	5544	5460	4453	3895	3924	3920	7616	3699	3785
Compliance Rate	75.8%	75.6%	76.6%	76.8%	79.4%	79.7%	76.0%	80.3%	81.8%	80.5%	81.7%

Definitions

Inspections – Compliance evaluations conducted by visiting known regulated sites.

Facilities Inspected – The number of discrete facilities or entities inspected in the year.

Enforcement Action - A legal document issued by the NJDEP to a person or facility responsible for a violation of the State's environmental regulations and can contain: the details of one or more alleged violations, any steps needed to correct them, any penalties, and the schedules for compliance and/or penalty payment.

Inspectors – The number of staff primarily assigned to conduct inspections.

Investigations – Unplanned compliance evaluations or applicability determinations at known or unknown sites in response to an inspector identification or concerned citizen.

Compliance Rate – The percentage of Facilities Inspected which are found to have no violations as a result of the inspection or inspections that occur in the year.

1. Data and Trend Analysis

- The above table provides an “apples to apples” trend of inspections and enforcement actions completed by programs within C&E throughout the period.
- The data does not include information from: RTK, DPCC, TCPA, OQA, CEHA nor SRP & Radiation.
- Review of the above data shows that despite significant attrition and emergent conditions, such as Superstorm Sandy, C&E data trends are consistent.
- FY 14 and 15 were greatly impacted by Superstorm Sandy related activities. C&E prioritized inspections and as shown by data performed fewer repeat inspections at facilities (Inspection & facilities inspected tighter than average).
- Attrition of staff being addressed. Administration committed to present staffing levels. Significant influx of new staff to C&E after significant attrition began in FY14. FY14 & 15 significant staff time and productivity of all managers, supervisors and staff must logically be attributed to training.

2. NJDEP is standardizing data collection

- Historic reports comprised compilation of inspections by County Environmental Health Agencies (CEHA), multiple programs which were not “within” C&E. The inspections performed by these groups is of high value, however, without standardized SOPs, protocols, data management the data will by its nature be inconsistent.
- Historic Reports tabulated ALL site visits, including multiple follow ups, as inspections.
- NJDEP reorganized in July 2015 to incorporate RTK, DPCC, TCPA, and OQA into C&E. This shift will promote more consistent development and application of SOP, policy and data management across C&E programs which will lead to more reliable data over time.
- Our CEHA partners are migrating toward the NJEMS system for better data collection.
- C&E is presently reorganizing to centralize business and support functions to facilitate more accurate and dependable data and application of policies across all divisions of C&E.

3. Strategic Vision

- Environmental conditions and challenges change over time, and NJDEP is geared toward evolving with the trends.
- Currently, reorganizing C&E to centralize support within C&E allows the Divisions to focus on field operations to effectuate the greatest positive impact of field contact. Not just discovery of violations but toward resolution of issues for greatest possible outcome.
- Proactively working with the regulated community through education and environmental stewardship to improve their environmental performance, leading to more awareness of environmental law and fewer environmental hazards.
- C&E is working on practices and policy to facilitate expanded use of Supplemental Environmental Projects, to achieve improvements to the environment and quality of life for the citizens of the state.